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ETHICS

**Adviser looks to
tweak councillor
code of conduct as
election approaches**



**Helen
Pike**
Metro | Calgary

Councillors won't get a new code of conduct for the election — but according to the city's ethics adviser, a forthcoming tweak in the existing code may add policies against bullying and intimidation.

On Monday, council met behind closed doors to hear the professional advice from Alice Woolley on whether or not the city needs to go to lengths for election campaigning to ensure clean fun between politicians.

As the 2017 municipal election winds up, and ward boundaries are set to change, many councillors have raised alarms not only about others campaigning on their turf, but how they conduct themselves in

the public eye to win votes.

But according to the city's ethics adviser, Alice Woolley, there's no need for a new code of conduct addressing how councillors speak to each other just for an election period.

"An independent code of conduct would be inconsistent with council's direction to rewrite and synthesize the ethical obligations of members," she wrote.

Woolley noted that the current policy does not give councillors a clear directive on how they are expected to act toward one another.

They are currently supposed to exercise freedom of speech "responsibly" which she said is an overly broad mandate. It doesn't give councillors clear limitations on what they can say to each other during their office or as they participate in an election.

This is all part of the code of conduct revision that Woolley is already drafting for councillors.

"We had a really thoughtful discussion with her on what those words mean," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi. "We talked about what the limits of free expression for public officials ought to be."

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Crash investigation a challenge: Safety board

TRANSPORTATION

Aircraft was not carrying black box, voice recorder

Students resumed pilot training at Calgary's Mount Royal University flying school on Monday as an investigator said that determining what caused a plane crash that killed two experienced instructors will be challenging.

Pilot Jeffrey Bird and co-pilot Reynold Johnson died Feb. 13 when their twin-engine P2006T Tecnam aircraft went down northwest of Calgary.

Fred Burow of the Transportation Safety Board said the plane did not break up in the air. Its major parts were destroyed in the crash and the resulting fire.

Burow said experts are still gathering and analyzing information about the aircraft and the pilots, but the plane wasn't carrying — nor was it required to carry — a cockpit voice recorder or a flight data recorder.

"The absence of these recorders does make the investigation more challenging," Burow said at a briefing in Edmonton. "The so-called black boxes that are required in larger aircraft do make things easier for the investigation."

The university grounded its flight training program immedi-

ately following the Feb. 13 crash. Mount Royal vice-president Duane Anderson said the university's program is safe and instructors began flying again last week. Students were being allowed to resume flying Monday on a voluntary basis.

Anderson said students were being told to sit in the cockpit for at least five minutes until they felt comfortable. Once they took off, they were to circle the area three times before heading to the flight training area — the same region northwest of Calgary where the two instructors died.

"Before any planes take off, it will be rigorously inspected and approved by a qualified aircraft maintenance engineer," he said.

"Some students are very comfortable and eager and want to get back in the planes."

Burow said the transportation board has no safety concerns about the Tecnam aircraft, which is certified by Transport Canada and is flown in Europe and the United States.

The board said the plane that crashed took off at about 4:35 p.m. on Feb. 13 and climbed to an altitude of about 2,400 metres. Based on radar information, it was last detected at a slightly lower altitude before it crashed about 30 minutes later.

Burow said preliminary data suggests the plane, which can fly safely on one engine, did not lose altitude gradually.

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1 An accident investigator says it will be challenging to determine what caused a crash that killed two flight instructors from Mount Royal.

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2 Mount Royal University aviation flight instructors Jeffrey Bird, left, and Reynold Johnson.

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HEALTH

Three cases of mumps confirmed



Elizabeth Cameron

For Metro | Calgary

Calgary is not immune to the mumps, although there are two vaccines available to help.

The city has three confirmed cases of the viral infection so far this year, according to data from Alberta Health Services (AHS).

In 2016, Calgary saw five cases of the virus in total.

This year, 17 cases have been confirmed in Alberta. The only area exempt — so far — is the North Zone.

Edmonton has already seen five cases this year, and a hockey team in Medicine Hat is experiencing their own cluster of cases.

The measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR), and the measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox vaccine (MMRV), both help protect against mumps, which causes swelling in the jaw. Cheeks can look swollen, depending on the person. Some people simply feel as if they have a bad case of influenza.

The illness typically goes away after approximately 10 days, but if left untreated, it can develop into more serious conditions such as meningitis or pancreatitis, according to an AHS release sent to students, parents and staff at schools in the province.

The release includes ways Albertans can prevent the spread of mumps — for example, avoiding sharing water bottles — as the virus is transferred by exchanging saliva, sneezing, or coughing.

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Diversity in theatre worth effort

OPPORTUNITY

It means those onstage better reflect city's population



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

As a subsidized art form, most Calgary theatre is not-for-profit and only exists with help from government funding. So should it not be accountable to the public?

And if it's accountable to the public, why doesn't the ethnic makeup of Calgary stages represent a city that is nearly one-third visible minorities?

"When we look at the makeup of our public, stages don't represent that, and I think that's irresponsible to our taxpayers," said Jenna Rodgers, artistic director for diversity theatre group Chromatic Theatre, and member of several arts boards as a diversity consultant.

Rodgers voice is one of many in a renewed discussion around diversity in Calgary theatre.

The Discussion

The discussion has been sparked by a few factors. The topic of diversity is always lively during the Oscar season. There's also the Waterdale Theatre in Edmonton, which cancelled its production of Othello. Theatre-goers were unhappy with the casting of a white woman as Othello.

The theatre company said it was trying to be subversive by changing the gender, but locals felt it was a regressive move not to cast a woman of colour in Shakespeare's only non-white title role.

Jason Mehmel, Sage Theatre's artistic director, said casting a more diverse array of



Actress Patricia Cerra from *Soliciting Temptation*, a Sage Theatre production. COURTESY MARC J CHALIFOUX

actors, whether that's visible minorities or members of the LGBTQ community, requires extra thought and research. It can't be done haphazardly or for the sake of throwing diverse actors on stage.

Rodgers said organizations can't be 'colour-blind' in casting — there's work required.

Challenges

"You can't just imagine that by

putting a few people of colour in you've satisfied something. Because, what does it mean if you put the person with the darkest colour skin in as the bad guy? Or, put women as prostitutes or shopkeepers?" said Rodgers.

"It's realizing you can't be cavalier by putting in diverse casting. There is systemic racism that exists, that allows us to reinforce harmful narratives

inadvertently."

The onus isn't just on white directors to make the change either, but there comes another pitfall.

Waterdale's Othello is becoming a cautionary tale in the Alberta theatre community. Actress Patricia Cerra had an immediate opinion of the situation when it happened — but feared sharing it with others in the community.

"We have this phrase in equity work that goes, 'When you have privilege, equity feels like oppression.'"

Patricia Cerra

"My worry was, how will this be perceived?" she said. "How will my colleagues and peers perceive me? Will I be looked at as difficult, or that angry black girl? And that was the last thing I wanted."

"We have this phrase in equity work that goes, 'When you have privilege, equity feels like oppression.' The mainstream of our media industry has privilege, so when you start

saying, we need to change, they start to feel threatened," Rodgers said.

Why is it worth it?

Mehmel has been able to cast diverse actors in roles not directly written for minorities — and he's chose a play about the sex trade which required extra research around cultural sensitivities.

But he said it's worth it to add to the richness of dialogue in the arts scene.

The extra work becomes a natural extension of casting, or building a set, or other considerations in creating a production.

Rodgers points out economic advantages — if Calgary theatre is going to grow, it's missing a third of its potential audience by not including diverse casting.

How to do it

It's not just about inviting more diverse people to audition. Even when a casting call comes out, inviting people from any background to apply, some minorities still don't bother.

Mehmel said it's important to reach out to communities, find people you're interested in, and invite them in. People don't want to feel like they're only being considered to tick a box.

According to Rodgers, there's a notion in the prairies that there's not excellence in minority communities. She argues it's not that there isn't excellence, but when minorities are only being offered roles in stereotypical roles, those are the only roles they could possibly become experts in. It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

It's about taking the same risks on minority actors that have previously been taken on unknown actors who are now in the mainstream.

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Funding plan 'falls short'

HEALTH CARE

Province allots \$10M to hire more professionals



Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

The president of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta (NPAA) said a new funding project from the province promising to hire more of the highly-skilled health professionals doesn't go far enough.

"It's a step in the right direction, but not the right scale," Eric Lavoie said.

He was at the Alex Community Health Centre in Calgary on Friday, when the province announced a \$10 million, three-year health project that will enable four facilities in Calgary and Edmonton to hire several additional care professionals, including nurse practitioners (NP's).

NP's are qualified to diagnose and treat most health concerns,



Eric Lavoie, president of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta, says a new funding announcement is a step in the right direction, but doesn't go far enough. CONTRIBUTED

including ordering tests, prescribing medications and performing various procedures.

"The NPAA's standpoint is that this is a positive step in the right direction, but it's nowhere near the systemic change that will see Albertans benefit from

NP care," said Lavoie.

He has been calling for a sustainable, province-wide funding model for NP's for more than a year.

"We would like to see the development of a sustainable funding model for NP to

integrate into primary care throughout the province," Lavoie said.

"Although (this project) great ... they're only adding about five new NP positions - it falls short of what is required to innovate and remain sustain-

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They're only adding about five new nurse practitioners positions.

Eric Lavoie

able.”

Grants have been allocated to The Alex Community Health Centre, Pure North S'Energy, and the Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS) in Calgary. The Boyle McCauley Health Centre in Edmonton also received funding.

An expert advisory group, led by the Institute for Health Economics, will guide and evaluate the new projects. The results will help form new policies, according to Brandy Payne, Alberta's associate minister of health.

"We will take what we learn from these projects to make decisions that will protect and improve the primary health care Albertans depend on," Payne said at the announcement.

MAYORAL RACE

Second candidate steps up



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

He's an ordinary Calgarian running for ordinary Calgarians.

But with a mayoral campaign David Lapp is hoping for extraordinary change at city hall.

On Monday, the candidate announced he would run against Mayor Naheed Nenshi, making Lapp the second opponent who has stepped forward to take down his purpleness.

Lapp, who says he's putting himself forward on a common sense platform, is pitching efficiency for the city. He said council has "mixed up discretionary things" with what Calgarians need. "Part of that is because of the entitlement built in," said Lapp. "We need to talk about the difficult issues of what's in the budget and get back to the first line spending items; transit, basic things like this, not blue rings at the airport."

Lapp is a born and raised Calgarian who has been involved in community association boards and initiatives.



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Daring Greatly, made up of Dail Croome, sons Patrick and Liam, Brayden Tario and Brandon Haddow, pose with Jon Bon Jovi backstage just after opening for him. COURTESY DAIL CROOME

Family rocks with Bon Jovi

ACHIEVEMENT

Local band wins chance to open for him in Las Vegas



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgarian Dail Croome used to sing his sons to sleep. This weekend, he sang with them on stage as Bon Jovi's opening act in Las Vegas.

Croome's musical aspirations took hold when he was in his 20s.

He travelled to Nashville to try and build a career, but it wasn't meant to be, and after a few months he was back in Calgary, joining the working world in the oil and gas sector.

But he never stopped playing. Croome booked local gigs on weekends, and his sons Patrick and Liam were on stage with him by the age of four. In their teens, they were actually playing with him on a regular basis.

When Alberta's oil boom started to crash and the boys had just finished high school, it was a perfect storm for change.

"It made all of us say, well, if we're going to do this music thing, let's go all in," Croome recalled.

"So we sold everything, ended relationships, took two cars, a camper and a utility

trailer, and took off for California."

Not too long after, Bon Jovi launched a YouTube contest to find opening acts for his 2017 tour. Croome and his boys applied, with two other members of the band, as Daring Greatly.

Among thousands of applicants, they were selected to open the Las Vegas concert this past weekend.

"There was a lot of jumping up and down. It worked out absolutely perfectly," Croome laughed.

They played to an audience of about 12,000, doing their original music, and Bon Jovi dropped by after their set to shake their hands and tell them it sounded great from where he was sitting.

In the moment, Croome said the band felt immensely rewarded — like this was where they were meant to be.

As a father, it's been Croome's honour to watch his sons grow and take the lead.

"I think the way art should reflect the feelings, thoughts and emotions relevant to this generation," he said.

"I think grey-haired people can talk a little less and listen a little more to the 20-year-olds. So I'm empowering them, with just a little bit of guidance, to express themselves."

Now the family is finally on the long road home.

They'll be playing at the National Music Centre on March 10. For more information, visit www.daring-greatly.com.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Calgary Green Line spending at \$101M



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

The city's largest unfunded infrastructure project has racked up quite the bill.

As Calgary's politicians attempt to work with the province on one-third of the Green Line funding, administration is working away on the project hoping to have the LRT ready for shovels sooner rather than later.

And that preparation has cost the city \$101 million since 2013, according to transportation boss Mac Logan.

"Approximately one-third of that is in relation to land acquisition expenses," said Logan.

The rest is mainly money spent in engineering and pre-design in the north, the central and the southeast legs.

Early "quick win" projects are also included in that sum, along with environmental investigations and other tests, moving

utilities, project management, consulting and communications.

The entire project is pegged between \$4 and \$5 billion.

But Mayor Naheed Nenshi isn't fussed with the spending. He said the city has spent a "non-trivial" amount so far, and is committed to the project.

For the past year, councillors and the mayor have underscored the need to have a clear funding plan, which includes cash from both the federal and provincial governments.

The city hasn't been promised money yet from the province, and as the city's spending on the Green Line continues, the deadline for knowing whether or not Calgary can expect a third — \$1.5 billion — in funding from the province is running out.

In a previous interview with Metro Calgary, Alberta Transportation Minister Brian Mason said the city needs to come up with a more concrete cost estimate before the province can commit any funds.

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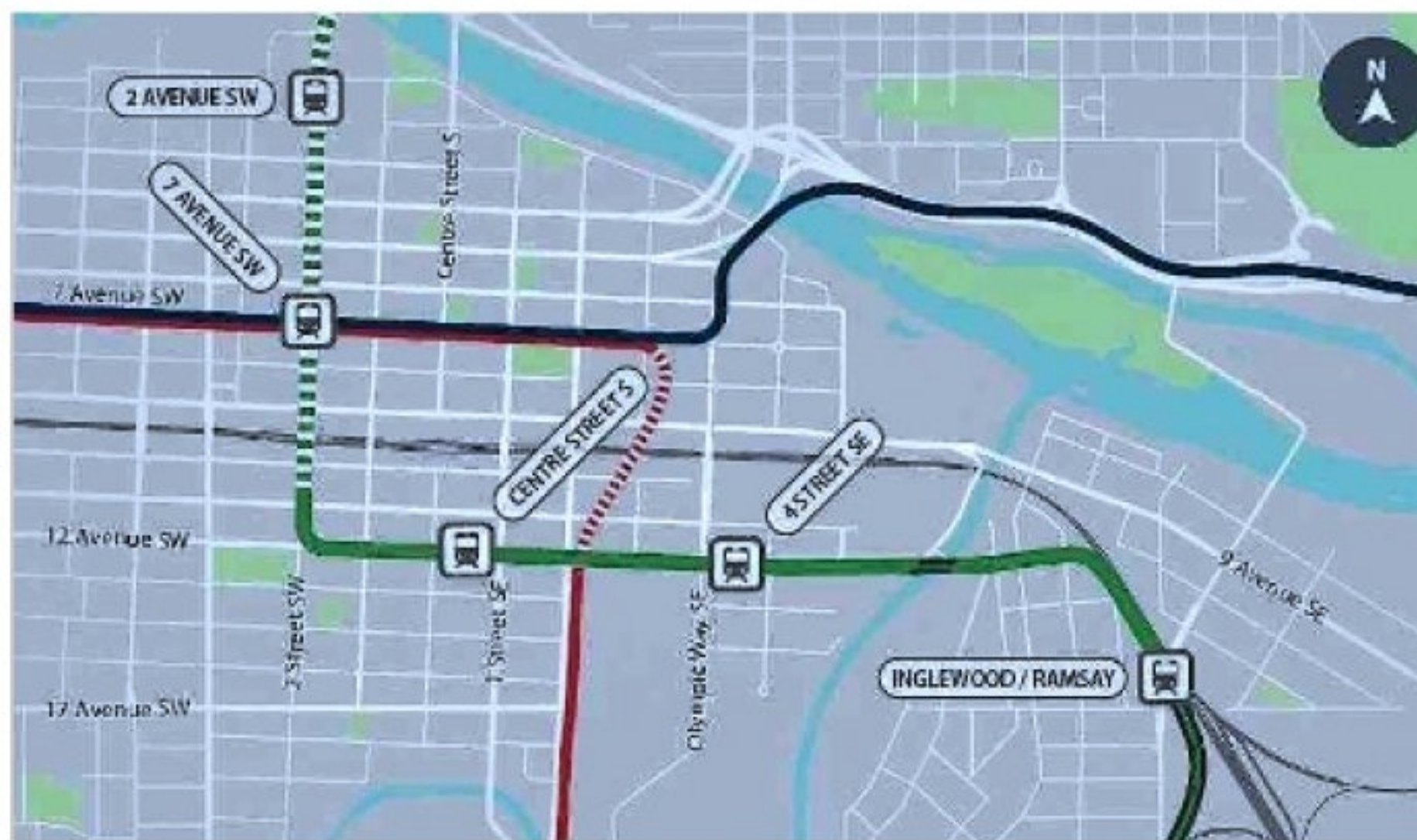
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Two alignment options for how the Green Line will travel through Ramsay have resurfaced. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

Green Line trouble buys Ramsay time

PLANNING

Community had difficulty with ARP deadlines



There may be a silver lining in the controversy growing over the potential realignment of the Green Line through Ramsay.

That community had been working with the city on an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) over

the past year. City administration now says they'll be asking council for more time to complete that document, which was originally slated to go for approval in May.

That delay is a welcome one, according to the Ramsay Community Association.

Erin Joslin, VP external for that group, said the process was rushed from the start.

"We were given three months to do a process that typically takes one to two years," she said. "My whole time working on that ARP was fighting for extensions because the timeline was unachievable."

ARPs are meant to be guiding documents to help communities

reach development objectives, as well as give information on proposed land uses.

Joslin said the group was asked to complete some of the work without a key document—the Developed Areas Guidebook.

"The Developed Areas Guidebook was supposed to define new zonings, and those weren't defined yet, and we were supposed to be putting them into our community and considering these new zonings," said Joslin.

Kevin Froese, coordinator of community planning south with the city of Calgary, said the request for more time on the ARP is in direct response to a possible new alignment on the

Green Line.

The city and community had been working around other Green Line scenarios, but the newest possible alignment changes everything.

"We're delaying because if we found out in June we've got a new alignment, it wouldn't be prudent for us to come out now and then have to go and reopen that plan in June," said Froese.

An ARP for nearby Inglewood may also be delayed because of the Green Line realignment.

Ramsay and Inglewood already have older ARPs in place, so Froese said the delay will not prevent growth or change in the communities.

Review of Calgary golf courses is all teed up



Instead of being in the green, or red, a Calgary councillor was hoping to persuade the province to help keep privately owned golf courses in the black with a break on property taxes.

But with staunch opposition at Monday's city council meeting Coun. Ward Sutherland's idea was turned from a hole-in-one to a whole other proposal.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra,

who initially said when he heard Sutherland's idea his stance was a firm "hellz no" turned the proposal to pen a letter to the province on its ear, and asked administration to instead review the "state" of golf courses and propose a framework that would address golf course retention and redevelopment.

This tweak passed on the council floor eight to five.

Carra said implicit in his motion, he hoped the city would look at taxation possibilities when looking at how to keep golf courses around.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi

was highly critical of the initial motion by Coun. Ward Sutherland, but felt the adjustments meant a happy medium.

"It really talked about a subsidy for one particular use, without really frankly a very good rationale or any numbers behind it, so there's no way I could have supported it," he told reporters. "I find it odd that members of council who call themselves very fiscally conservative were looking for something that is a straight-up subsidy to one private business type."



Coun. Ward Sutherland
METRO FILE

Curriculum to be released, not names

EXPERT WORKING GROUPS

Teacher groups join province to protect authors



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Judge the product — not the people.

That's the message from both the Alberta Teacher's Association president, Mark Ramsankar, and the president of the Calgary Catholic branch of the ATA, Alexandra Jurisic, when it comes to the debate about releasing the names of those in the working groups who are currently overhauling the province's curriculum.

"Once the work is done, there is going to be lots of opportunity for feedback on the product.

It's not like it's written and then instilled — there's a long ways to go," said Ramsankar.

Jurisic said these teachers signed on "out of a desire to enhance teaching and learning" and that they "didn't sign on to become a bolo bat" between political figures or people who "like to use people's names in a tawdry manner."

In her view, there is a happy medium that could quell the fears of those who feel the process is secretive.

process is secretive.

"I don't think that people have an issue with credentials being released with their initials next to it," she said.

"What we're talking about here is the mechanical part of writing a curriculum, and in the past, people say it was open right from the gate, but the people who were actually on the ground writing the curriculum, their names were never public and never sought

after," he said.

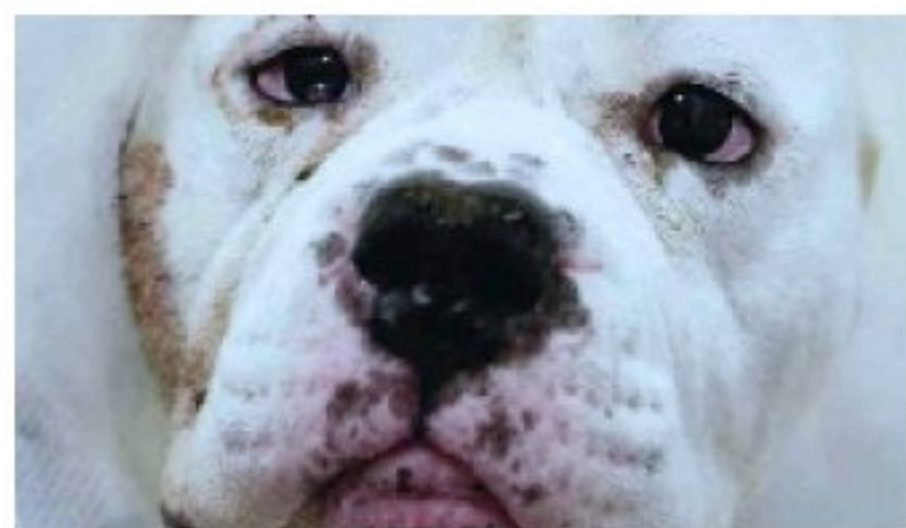
Minister of Education David Eggen said he can't speak to what governments have done before, but his government is "working to protect teachers" from "vicious online attacks."

"I am concerned about these hard-working Albertans becoming targets for those who would choose to undermine this work rather than focus on improving our curriculum and better preparing our students for suc-

cess," he said.

Jason Kenney, candidate for the PC leadership, has been vocal about the release of the names of the groups online and said Eggen's argument is "insulting."

Kenney said if we're catering to the idea that people could face criticism online when "exercising a public function" we're heading in the direction of not releasing the names of MPs, boards and commissions.



Ruby died while in surgery to repair damage from injuries sustained in the care of Jamie O'Leary and daughter Janice Piper. CONTRIBUTED

COURT

Three sentenced in animal abuse case

Two Calgarians have received a lifetime ban on owning animals after they were sentenced in a brutal animal neglect case by a provincial court.

Ruby, also known as Bamboo, was turned into the Calgary Humane Society on Sept. 9, 2014.

She died while in reparative surgery for her injuries sustained while in the care of Jamie O'Leary, a self-employed breeder, and her daughter Janice Piper of Calgary.

They have been fined \$2,500 each in addition to the lifetime

ownership ban.

A third person, Michelle Caswell, pleaded guilty to neglect and received a \$1,500 fine and a lifetime two-animal limit. O'Leary and Piper were living in her co-owned residence at the time.

Charges were laid against all three in March 2015, after the Calgary Humane Society and Calgary police executed a search warrant in a Dover home and seized an additional seven dogs, a rabbit, and three bearded dragons.

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ENVIRONMENT

Province launches \$36M solar panel rebate plan

The Alberta government is putting up \$36 million over two years for a rebate program to encourage rooftop solar panels on homes and businesses.

Environment Minister Shannon Phillips says more details are to come and the rebates are to be available as early as this summer.

Phillips says the use of solar panels has doubled since 2015 and the goal is to have new panels on 10,000 Alberta rooftops within three years.

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solar. Today's announcement ... will keep the momentum going," Phillips said Monday.

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It took months of intense media scrutiny and public outrage before Canadians learned Manulife was the mysterious financial institution behind a \$1.2-million fine for money-laundering.

The same day Manulife's identity was kept secret, a handful of much smaller companies were publicly named and shamed by FINTRAC, the country's money-laundering and terrorist funding watchdog. That confusing double standard has now triggered a review of FINTRAC's disclosure policy amid a Torstar/National Observer investigation.

"In exercising my discretion to withhold the name of the bank, I understand that it may not have met public expectations in relation to openness and transparency," wrote Gerald Cossette, FINTRAC director, in a statement.

The carefully-worded statement still makes no reference to the bank at the centre of the controversy — an expression of the agency's uneven transparency model since its birth in 2008.

Over the past eight years, FINTRAC has named 40 companies for violating the law while keeping secret another 55.

As part of the Torstar/National Observer investigation over the past two months, reporters attempted to identify the bank

by surveying all 32 Schedule I banks in Canada, asking them to clearly state whether they were the bank involved.

While almost all the banks responded unequivocally, Manulife wrote: "We do not comment on any matters regarding our regulators, whether they are rumour, speculation or fact."

On Monday, Manulife issued a public statement confirming it was the mystery bank in question.

Over the last three months, Torstar and the National Observer have published exclusive details about the offences behind the fine. Among those findings:

- Manulife failed to report one suspicious transaction to Fintrac — labelled a "very serious" violation — that experts say undermines Canada's system to detect financial crimes and trace dirty money.

- The bank also failed to report 1,174 outgoing international electronic transfers of \$10,000 or more, 45 deposits of \$10,000 or more in cash and four incoming international electronic transfers of \$10,000 or more.

- Fintrac documents obtained by Torstar and the National Observer also show Manulife's fine, which was reduced twice from an initial \$1.8 million, was for five different types of violations of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing law, involving a failure to report transfers totalling at least \$12.2 million.

- Manulife was also fined for failing to "develop and apply compliance policies and procedures." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

VANCOUVER

Trump company tweets alternative facts



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

President Donald Trump's sons may have taken over the reins of his international company following his U.S. election win amidst ongoing concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

But that didn't stop Trump Organization, which the President still owns but doesn't manage, from apparently inheriting its namesake's appreciation for what have become known as "alternative facts."

On Monday, a day before Trump International Hotel and Tower official opens in Vancouver with the President's sons Donald Jr. and Eric Trump attending, the company issued an outright falsehood on Twitter.

"Tomorrow marks the official grand opening of @TrumpVancouver," the 6:25 a.m. tweet stated. "The 69-story tower will be the first property to open in the city in over 6 yrs."

The inaccuracy of that claim will be obvious to any Vancouverite who has watched construction sites and cranes spring up in almost every corner of the city in recent years, many projects quickly reaching completion and opening to residents amidst



A man wearing an oversized Donald Trump head protests outside the still-under-construction Trump International Hotel and Tower on Wednesday Oct. 5, 2016. DARRYL DICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

a real estate boom.

The phrase "alternative facts" was coined by Trump spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway in a television interview, when confronted on lies told by her and

the White House about the size of Trump's inauguration crowd.

The Georgia Street tower is set to open Tuesday, and already two separate protests have been announced.

#WOMENONBOARDS

Board diversity is a federal duty, NDP says



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

As the NDP calls for tougher rules to create more diversity on Canadian boards, a private think-tank warns that forcing gender parity could do more harm than good.

Windsor NDP MP Brian Masse suggested the govern-

ment go further on its gender diversity bill, C-25, calling for a minimum number of women on the boards of Canadian corporations.

The current version of C-25, introduced by the Liberal government, requires corporations work toward gender diversity and disclose the current make-up of their boards.

Data from 2016 shows about 21.6 per cent of board

seats in Canada are filled by women.

"The world is moving quite quickly on this and Canada is a laggard to begin with," said Masse.

Masse said he believes that, as a starting point, corporations should be required to have at least 30 per cent of their board director seats occupied by women.

"Canada would only join

the ranks of more progressive countries on this."

But Andrea Mrozek, program director with the think tank Cardus, suggested mandatory quotas could actually make things more difficult for women on boards.

"It creates a negative work environment whereby people question how a very qualified woman got into management in the first place," she said.

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Anti-migrant crimes up to 'alarming' rate

Migrants and their homes in Germany faced more than 3,500 attacks in 2016, a number that is "alarmingly high and cause for concern," a German official said Monday, while adding that the crimes are being aggressively prosecuted and the numbers of such attacks are now falling.

Most of the attacks were crimes like vandalism to asylum-seeker homes — including far-right graffiti, threats and slander — but the report also included more serious attacks like arson, bodily harm and attempted murder. It was compiled by the Interior Ministry with information from Germany's 16 states in response to a question in Parliament by the Left party.

"There was a very wide spectrum of crimes ... every one is to be condemned," said Interior Ministry spokesman Johannes Dimroth.

The attacks led to 560 people being injured, including 43 children. Overall, 2,343 suspects were identified and investigated, according to the new report.

Comparison figures for previous years haven't been compiled but Dimroth said after 2016 the "trend is downward ... which gives us a little bit of hope."

Germany took in 890,000 asylum-seekers in 2015, and the influx caused a backlash and a rise in anti-immigrant sentiment, which was most pronounced in eastern parts of the country.

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Women from Afghanistan attend a literacy class in Berlin. GETTY IMAGES

'Nobody from Hollywood' flying around the moon

SPACE

One giant leap for tourism in 2018, SpaceX promises

SpaceX said Monday it will fly two people to the moon next year, a feat not attempted since NASA's Apollo heyday close to half a century ago.

Tech billionaire Elon Musk — the company's founder and chief executive officer — announced the surprising news barely a week after launching his first rocket from NASA's legendary moon pad.

Two people who know one another approached the company about sending them on a weeklong flight just beyond the moon, according to Musk. He won't identify the pair or the price tag. They've already paid a "significant" deposit and are "very serious" about it, he noted.

"Fly me to the moon ... Ok," Musk said in a light-hearted tweet following the news conference.

Musk said SpaceX is on track to launch astronauts to the International Space Station for NASA in mid-2018. This moon mission would follow about

six months later, by the end of the year under the current schedule, using a Dragon crew capsule and a Falcon heavy rocket launched from NASA's former moon pad in Florida.

If all goes as planned, it could happen close to the 50th anniversary of NASA's first manned flight to the moon, on Apollo 8.

The SpaceX moonshot is designed to be autonomous — unless something goes wrong, Musk said.

"I think they are entering this with their eyes open, knowing that there is some risk here," Musk told reporters in the telephone conference, a day after teasing via Twitter that an announcement of some sort was forthcoming.

Musk said he does not have permission to release the passengers' names, and he was hesitant to even say if they were men, women or even pilots. He would only admit, "It's nobody from Hollywood."

The paying passengers would make a long loop around the moon, skimming the lunar surface and then going well beyond, perhaps 300,000 or 400,000 miles distance altogether. It's about 240,000 miles to the moon alone, one way.

The mission would not involve a lunar landing.

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SpaceX's Dragon capsule sits aboard a ship on Feb. 10, 2015 in the Pacific Ocean west of Mexico's Baja Peninsula after returning from the International Space Station, carrying about 3,700 lbs of cargo for NASA. Inset: SpaceX CEO Elon Musk. SPACEX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plane crashes into homes in California

Authorities say four people are dead and two are injured after a small plane crashed into two homes and sparked a huge fire in Southern California.

Riverside Fire Chief Michael Moore says the Cessna's occupants, a husband, wife and three

teenagers, were returning to San Jose on Monday after a week-end cheerleading conference at Disneyland.

Moore says one of the teenagers, a girl, was thrown from the plane on impact and had only minor injuries. She was

able to talk to firefighters about what had happened as she was taken to a hospital.

An unconscious victim from one of the homes is in surgery.

Four bodies have been found in the wreckage, but firefighters have not sorted out exactly

how many were from the plane and how many from the homes. They are looking for additional possible victims in the wreckage.

The two homes were destroyed, and there was minor damage to some neighbouring homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The scene after a deadly in Riverside on Monday. AP

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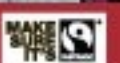
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Ikea testing virtual reality in Canada

TECHNOLOGY

Simulator puts furniture into consumers' own homes

Ikea Canada is jumping into the virtual reality ring with the launch on Tuesday of a simulator at its Etobicoke location in Toronto that will allow customers to see themselves moving inside a version of their own, newly renovated Ikea kitchen.

"We know that virtual reality isn't widely available yet, but we know it's coming fast," said Rob Kelly, head of sales, Ikea Canada.

The technology is used in video games but is heading into new applications, including allowing people to see how a piece of furniture would look in their own home using their mobile phone.

The Etobicoke store pilot is the only one in Canada, although the concept is being



Ceasar Varela, kitchen and dining manager at an Ikea store in Toronto, poses with the Virtual Reality Pancake Kitchen display. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

tested in other markets, including a store in Belgium, one in Sweden and a booth at an order-and-pick-up location, also in Sweden.

The testing will run until May 21, at which time Ikea Canada will assess the findings and the potential for the technology.

"This is an exploration journey for us," said Kelly. "It's ex-

citing, it's fun to do, but at the end of the day, what we're really interested in hearing about from customers is, does it really help?"

Lowe's was the first retailer to test a holeroom in Canada, in late 2014, according to Kyle Nel, executive director, Lowe's Innovation Labs.

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LOYALTY CARDS

Rewards losing bit of its allure

The value of customer loyalty programs is under increased scrutiny by companies and users in the wake of Air Miles' recent reversal of an expiration policy.

The operator of the shopper reward program, LoyaltyOne, angered many members last year with its proposal to void unused Air Miles after five years, only to abandon that plan weeks before it was to take effect.

Last month, supermarket chain Metro said it was considering dropping Air Miles

and launching its own loyalty program in its Ontario grocery stores following the backlash.

The Air Miles misstep doesn't help foster consumer trust and is a "cautionary tale" for other providers, said Sean Claessen, executive vice-president of strategy for marketing agency Bond Brand Loyalty.

It takes trouble with just one loyalty card to test the public's patience with rewards programs, added John Boynton, chief marketing officer of Aeroplan operator

Aimia.

"Everybody does a little bit of a double-take," said Boynton, who joined the company months after it faced a similar controversy.

In 2013, Aeroplan found itself in the midst of a public uproar for attempting to invalidate miles that weren't used over a seven-year period.

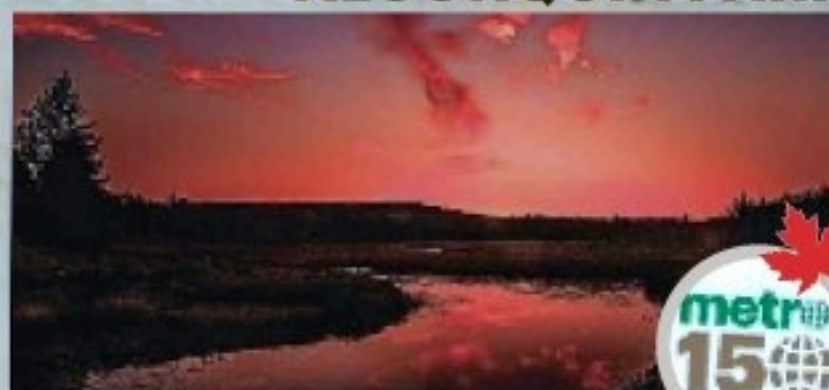
The use of loyalty cards remains widespread, with about 89 per cent of Canadians participating in some type of rewards program, Aimia says.

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PENNY COLLENETTE ON SANCTUARY CITIES



We must 'mind the gap' between the vision and the reality of sanctuaries

The world has a massive problem on its hands. The numbers of displaced people fleeing persecution, conflict and genocide are staggering. The UN Refugee Agency estimates "an unprecedented 65.3 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 21.3 million refugees. There are also 10 million stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights."

Where can these asylum seekers find safety in an increasingly unsafe world?

Initially, we assumed that sheltered refuge would be found in North America. To that end, Canada signed the Safe Third Country Agreement in 2002 with the U.S., requiring refugee claimants (with some exceptions) request protection in the first country in which they arrive, not both.

What could go wrong? Both countries were deemed to "respect human rights and offer a high degree of protection for asylum seekers."

But increasingly, the assumption the U.S. is a safe harbour is at risk. Donald Trump has exacerbated the global situation with rumours of accelerated deportations along with threats to cut federal funding to approximately 400 American cities and counties that provide sanctuary to illegal immigrants, potentially amounting to \$2.27 billion in cuts for the nation's 10 largest cities.

Given this intimidating culture, it is no wonder undocumented refugees in the United States are understand-



Giving shelter Clear laws and co-ordinated leadership needed, writes Penny Collette. AP

ably nervous and are now looking north to our country for sanctuary. Canadian cities are beginning to respond with designations of "sanctuary cities" and with requests for more resources.

Whether the numbers crossing the undefended portions of our joint border are a trickle or a flood remain to be seen. Competing visions of the future are colliding in our consciousness, in part because of politics and in part because of real confusion. The government, which is dealing with an unprecedented situation, is taking time to assess the severity of the situation.

But are city services enough? The Mayor of Fredericton recently noted that because provinces have responsibility for education and health, it may be more appropriate for New Brunswick to

be designated as a sanctuary province. Similarly, a project at the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement in Toronto is studying the idea of provincial sanctuary as it researches the availability of labour markets for illegal migrants while examining municipal programs that could be "scaled" up to the provincial level.

However, before we leap to a higher sanctuary level, we must "mind the gap" between the vision and the reality of sanctuaries. For example, police forces are in a Catch-22 position as they are expected to serve everyone without question as to their papers. However, if they are aware of any illegal immigration information, they are required by law to report it to Canada Border Services. Which direction takes precedence?

Secondly, affordable housing remains a pressing issue for many cities, not to mention the challenge of homelessness. Can we build new units? If so, how quickly and which level of government provides the funds?

Successful sanctuaries, whether at the municipal or provincial level will require clarity of laws, as well as co-ordinated leadership among officials at all levels. To avoid arguments, and possible confrontations, citizens, too, must receive good communication and education. None of this is easy. Patience, rather than heated rhetoric, will be a virtue.

Penny Collette is an adjunct law professor at the University of Ottawa and was a director in Jean Chrétien's PMO.

The clock is ticking on Daylight time

Gillian Steward

With so much to worry about these days — Trump, climate change, free trade, frostbitten refugees trekking to the border, Russia, oil pipelines — it would be a treat to have something simple to chew over.

Well, here in Alberta we have found just the answer. Daylight time: should we or shouldn't we?

Our NDP government has decided it's time to decide whether we want more daylight hours in the morning or late into the evening.

If Albertans opt to forego Daylight time, the sun would rise on summer solstice in Fort McMurray at 3:33 a.m.

Thomas Dang, an Edmonton MLA and the youngest in the province's history, is the leading light on this question. Perhaps because he is only 21-years-old and doesn't need as much sleep as those much younger or older than him. On the other hand, if we don't spring ahead to Mountain Daylight Time as we are supposed to on March 12, it would be easier to get the kids to bed at a decent time rather than having to wait until it gets dark around 11 p.m.

Of course, cattle and other farm animals don't ever know what time it is. They simply get going when the sun comes up. But according to Dang, farmers say the time change adversely affects feeding schedules and production so they would rather not switch twice a year.

To make sure we can all have a say Dang has posted an online survey. And as it turns out Albertans do indeed have strong opinions about time.

Dang told CBC Radio more than 17,000 responses were in so far and most in favour of ending time changes.

The survey closes today and depending on the response the government is hoping to have a bill drafted by mid-March.

The government even has support from the opposition.

Richard Starke, a Progressive Conservative MLA and current contender for the party leadership, is keen to get rid of Daylight time. That's because he is the MLA for the region that straddles the Alberta/Saskatchewan border.

Since Saskatchewan is the only province that keeps to one time standard all year that means residents of Lloydminster — Canada's only border city — find themselves switching between time zones if in the winter they wake in Alberta but have to travel to work in Saskatchewan.

Definitely too much to handle first thing in the morning.

Starke wants a referendum on the matter, which would certainly keep everyone distracted for quite a while from such contentious issues as carbon taxes and low oil prices.

Dang says it takes about two weeks for most people to adjust to the time change in March and then November when we have to fall back.

"That's two weeks of productivity that we are losing. Two weeks of everyone being grumpy at work ... we don't think it is really necessary any more."

Of course Canada could do what China does: one time zone for the entire country.

Even in Newfoundland.

Gillian Steward is a Toronto Star columnist and former managing editor of the Calgary Herald.

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Anatomy of a mumps outbreak

An immunization expert explains why there are still mumps outbreaks despite Canada's national vaccine program

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A recent spate of mumps outbreaks in Canada has health experts reminding people about the importance of vaccines.

Mumps is a virus that causes the easily recognizable swelling of salivary glands. Most people recover within seven to 10 days but in rare cases people can develop complications, including deafness and meningitis, according to Health Canada.

Parents in Canada are advised to have their children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine – it protects people against the measles, mumps, and rubella.

Health authorities say it is normal to see a handful of mumps cases in provinces every year but outbreaks still occur because the disease is highly contagious and because Canada has not achieved herd immunity.

Unlike the measles, where an outbreak only occurs when a traveller brings it into the country, the mumps virus still exists in Canada, said Dr. Monika Naus, the director of immunization and vaccine preventable disease at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

A 2007 Health Canada pilot program found about 83 to 87 per cent of two-year-olds in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba were up to date with their mumps vaccines.

CANUCK CASES

Sport teams are especially susceptible to mumps outbreaks and five players in the Vancouver Canucks sat out of Saturday's game due to the virus, according to the team

IN ALBERTA

Four people in Edmonton's University of Alberta tested positive for mumps, while Calgary has seen three confirmed cases

HIGHEST IN CANADA

Manitoba has seen 176 confirmed cases between last Sept. 1 and now, most of them at Winnipeg universities

ONE IN THE CAPITOL

There is one confirmed case in Ottawa

MEASLES, TOO

There are three confirmed cases of mumps in Halifax, but the city has also seen seven cases of measles

T.O. BAR SCENE

Toronto public health authorities confirmed 17 cases of mumps that likely stemmed from 10 bars in the city's West End last week

HOW THE VIRUS SPREADS

Mumps is a highly contagious disease spread by saliva or mucus.

- Usually mumps is spread directly from person to person. When someone with mumps shouts at a bar, people around that person are likely to get infected by the flying spit if they haven't been vaccinated

- Kissing is a big culprit for the spread of mumps

- People can also spread mumps by sharing utensils and drinking glasses

- But the MMR vaccine is available free nationwide

Everyone in the country would have to get two doses of the mumps vaccine in order to achieve herd immunity, where the general population is protected against mumps. Without herd immunity, outbreaks can still occur, she said.

We asked Dr. Naus important questions about the mumps vaccine:

How can I check to see whether I have been vaccinated?

The best way is to check your immunization record. If people remember where they got their vaccinations, that health provider should provide a record.

How many vaccine doses did I get?

A second dose of mumps vaccine in 1996 was introduced at 16 months of age. For individuals from about 23 to 47 years of age, most of them will only have had a single dose of mumps vaccine.

What if I'm an immigrant who did not grow up in Canada?

If you immigrated from outside of Western Europe and North America, then there is an excellent chance that you weren't vaccinated against mumps. Mumps vaccines are not used in most of the developing world. For individ-

uals like that, we recommend getting a mumps vaccine.

How effective is the mumps vaccine?

After one dose, about 80 per cent of people will be immune. After two doses, just over 90 per cent of people will have immunity. Everyone would have to get two doses in order to achieve herd immunity.

Is it possible to check whether I am immune to mumps?

For many vaccinations, an antibody level can be checked and if it is above a cer-

tain level, we can determine immunity. For mumps, we don't have that kind of certainty. So there's no point checking the antibody after the vaccine.

Does it hurt to get another mumps vaccine if I'm not sure whether I need a booster shot or not?

No it doesn't. If you're already immune, it won't do anything. It might boost your immunity.

This interview has been edited and condensed for brevity.

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Nickelback, Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga topped a poll of musical turnoffs conducted by Tastebuds.fm in 2011. GETTY IMAGES

RELATIONSHIPS

Being in sync on preferred playlists is not the key to love

On Katie Nestor's first date with Gareth Williams, she gushed about the bands she'd see perform at the WayHome music festival just north of Toronto that weekend. Williams stared at her blankly.

"I was like, 'Who is this guy who doesn't know WayHome?'" Nestor laughed, recalling how a few dates later, she learned for the first time that Williams had no songs on his phone and was indifferent to music. "I was like, 'Oh god, this guy is a loser'."

Yet, a year and a half later, they're still going strong.

Dating apps have started capitalizing on musical connections. Last year, Tinder partnered with Spotify to allow users to post their favourite artists and their own "anthem" on profiles, and dating app Happn allows users to post songs on profiles and send music to other users. Tastebuds.fm and Mix'd are apps specifically for music lovers looking to connect with fellow music lovers.

But does being in sync in musical taste translate to being in tune as a couple?

Relationship and musicology

experts say that while liking the same music can create an initial spark between daters, it's not necessary for maintaining a happy relationship. The deal-breakers are when one person can't accept the other's different taste, or when they try to force their musical taste on another person — both cases usually signs of bigger problems, they say.

"Quite often at the beginning of relationships, couples are often looking for things they might have in common," said Kip Pegley, associate professor of musicology at Queen's University. "If you share certain similarities in music ... that can also speak to a shared history. 'Oh, you were at that concert? I love them too'."

For some singles, musical taste matters big time. Nickelback, Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga topped a poll of musical turnoffs conducted by Tastebuds.fm in 2011.

Pegley compares reading someone by their music collection to reading them by their book collection; it can give insight into what their other interests are.

But there's still hope for couples like Nestor and Williams, who have a love connection but no musical one, relationship experts say.

"It's perfectly OK to be on different pages about music," said Natasha Sharma, a Toronto-based therapist and author of *The Kindness Journal*.

CONNECTION

When it comes to liking the same music, there are scientific reasons why it may help you bond:

"We know from some brain studies that music can bring up autobiographical memories ... memories for events that have happened to you," said Laurel Trainor, a professor of cognitive neuroscience and director of McMaster University's Institute for Music and the Mind. "For example, the first date you went on, you might remember the music that the band played."

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Sharma said music can be lumped in as a "surface" interest with things such as taste in movies and food. It's more important to agree on big-picture stuff such as goals, values and outlooks on life, she said.

It's only when one person disparages the other's taste or when one tries to force music on the other that Sharma sees red flags.

"Any time you push anything on a partner, it's not good — whether it's music or marriage," she said. "The problem is, the person who is forcing it down their partner's proverbial throat isn't respecting them."

But if one person doesn't initially like the other's music, they shouldn't give up trying, she said. Showing an interest in your partner's interests — be they music or sci-fi movies — lets them know you care. Completely shutting down someone's music can be particularly hurtful since it's so personal, she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The songs are catchy. Plus, when you sing, you butcher it and it makes me laugh.

Gareth Williams eventually found common ground with music-loving girlfriend Katie Nestor — it's the *Frozen* soundtrack



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How Oscars were enveloped by chaos

The question on everyone's lips in the immediate aftermath of the stunning final twist to Sunday's Oscars was simply 'how?'

Here's a look at the processes and how the Academy Awards' winners envelopes are handled before being opened live onstage:

■ The consulting firm PwC, formerly Price Waterhouse Coopers, tabulates the winners based on ballots cast by the academy's 6,687 voting members. Unlike the nominations, which rely on a branch-specific, preferential-voting system, winners are chosen by popular vote.

■ Two accountants are tasked with bringing the final results, inside sealed envelopes, to the Oscars ceremony. They are the people carrying briefcases on the red carpet, flanked by police protection. Each briefcase contains an identical set of envelopes for the show's 24 categories. The accountants also memorize the winners.

■ The two accountants are

ostensibly the only people who know the winners before they are announced live on TV.

■ During the telecast, the two briefcase-toting accountants are stationed in the Dolby Theatre wings, one stage left and one stage right.

■ Most presenters enter stage right. They come backstage a few minutes ahead of time, and the accountant hands them their category's envelope just before they walk onstage. The sealed envelope with the winner's name inside is opened live onstage.

■ On Sunday, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway entered stage right, where PwC representative Brian Cullinan handed them the errant envelope.

■ The previous award, best actress, was presented by Leonardo DiCaprio, who entered stage left. PwC representative Martha Ruiz handed him the envelope for the correct category.

■ A duplicate, unopened envel-



A curious tale of two envelopes: Emma Stone holds one best actress card (above) but Warren Beatty was handed another (below). GETTY IMAGES



ope for best actress remained stage right, and apparently ended up in the hands of Beatty and Dunaway before they took to the stage.

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Writer/director Barry Jenkins, producer Adele Romanski, producer Jeremy Kleiner and cast members accept the best picture Oscar for Moonlight. GETTY IMAGES



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

This late transfer was transcendent

THE SHOW: The Academy Awards (CTV/ABC)

THE MOMENT: The epic fail at the final moment

Best picture presenter Warren Beatty opens the envelope. He reads the card. He squints. He looks in the envelope for another card.

He looks at his co-presenter, Faye Dunaway. He says, "And the Academy Award," and stops, looking off stage. "You're awful," Dunaway says. He holds the card out to her. She only glances at it. "La La Land," she says.

The music plays, the La La team hugs. Producer Jordan Horowitz makes his speech. As fellow producer Marc Platt makes his, people in headsets dart around in the background. Faces fall.

Horowitz charges the mic. "I'm sorry, no, there's a mistake," he says. "Moonlight, you guys won best picture." Gasps from the audience. "This is not

a joke." He holds up the card. "Moonlight. Best picture."

Hubbub. "Warren," host Jimmy Kimmel wails, "what did you do?"

We know what Beatty should have done: "I'm sorry, I seem to have the wrong envelope." Instead, he gave us a metaphor so literal, if it was a movie you'd throw popcorn at the screen.

The walking embodiment of old Hollywood and white privilege, frozen in bewilderment, allows a cadre of white males to think they've won for a lighthearted confection about cute white dreamers in LA.

And then we all watch as they physically transfer the statuette to a female producer and a black director for their intimate movie about a black gay man.

"I'm going to be really proud to hand this to my friends from Moonlight," Horowitz said gracefully.

WOES KEEP COMING

RIP?

Australian producer Jan Chapman insisted she is very much alive after her face was displayed during the In Memoriam segment, intended to honour her friend Janet Patterson.

32.9M

The 32.9 million viewers tuning into Sunday's awards was the second-lowest rating of all time.

Speaking for humankind? We can only dream.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

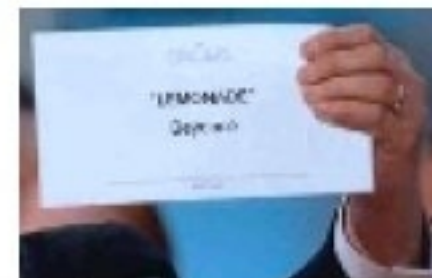
HUMOUR

The award for best meme goes to...

The best picture Oscar blunder prompted snickering from Ryan Gosling and a cascade of politically tinged jokes on Twitter, with some even declaring Hillary Clinton the winner.

Billy Crystal tweeted: "Amazing ending. Wish that had happened on Election Day." Seth MacFarlane chimed in: "You know what the problem is — millions of Academy members voted illegally."

The sarcasm started after La La Land was wrongly announced as the best picture winner. The actual winner was



On the Internet, Beyonce won big. TWITTER/@THISJENLEWIS

Moonlight, drawing a giggle from Gosling, who was on stage with the La La Land cast when the real winner was announced.

Memes using the Oscar winner envelope held up by La La

Land producer Jordan Horowitz were edited to instead show titles of films that have garnered little attention from the Academy, including Ernest Goes to Camp and Space Jam.

One of the most popular took a dig at another hotly contested award — when Adele saw off Beyonce's Lemonade for record of the year at the Grammys.

Other memes showed the popular vote totals for the recent U.S. presidential election, with Clinton tallying more ballots than President Donald Trump. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Free agent guard Deron Williams has signed with the Cavaliers, giving the NBA champions another playmaker to help defend their title



Lowry eyes playoff return

NBA

All-star guard to undergo surgery on ailing wrist

Kyle Lowry thought he'd play through some discomfort because that's what he usually does.

This time was different, however; this time things weren't getting much better. One day would be good, one day would be not so good and now he's destined to go under a surgeon's knife to clean out some little particles floating around his right wrist.



Kyle Lowry
GETTY IMAGES

The news came as a bit of a surprise, especially after the Raptors had suggested Sunday that he was on the path to coming back but that's the vagary of the injury: some days are better than others.

"I thought some local treatment would help it, it just wasn't getting any better," Lowry said of the wrist that's been bugging him since before

22.8

Lowry's scoring average this season, to go along with 6.9 assists per game.

the NBA all-star break. "We got some stuff done in Toronto and now we all came to New York and got a second opinion."

"You guys know, I don't say when I'm hurt. I go out there and play, I do my job. If I can't do my job, then I say something. "I had to get it loosened up before and worked on before but I didn't know what the extent was (this time)."

The extent was far worse than some imagine. A visit to the same New York doctor who reset a broken left wrist 11 years ago yielded enough information that Lowry decided to have an operation Tuesday morning.

When Lowry is able to return is impossible to know and anyone suggesting Monday they could pick a date is guessing.

It will depend on what the doctors find during the surgery, how quickly he is able to begin serious rehabilitation and, eventually, getting back to game speed.

The Raptors have 23 games left in the regular season that ends April 12 with the playoffs beginning three or four days later.

"It's a timetable but we still have to do the rehab, do the process, we have to get the surgery done and then we'll go from there," he said before the Raptors faced the New York Knicks on Monday.

"For me, it's a process of taking it day by day. (Tuesday) is Day 1 and then working extremely hard to get my body, my mind, my wrist back to 100 per cent so I can help my teammates out."

Coach Dwane Casey is, of

MONDAY In New York

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RAPTORS KNICKS



DEROZAN TAKES OVER IN THE BIG APPLE Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan dribbles around the Knicks' Willy Hernangomez at Madison Square Garden on Monday night. DeRozan made a turnaround jumper with 1.9 seconds remaining and finished with 37 points to lead the Raptors to a 92-91 victory over the Knicks. It was the Raptors' fourth straight win. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

course, hoping for the best while confident in the point guard duo of Cory Joseph and Delon Wright.

"He decided to have it done now to hopefully have some time before the playoffs to get some games in," Casey said. "He's going to be back when he comes back but we hope that he

heals and gets back with us for a few games before the playoffs."

Raptors president Masai Ujiri hotly disputed that Lowry's all-star weekend workload — the three-point contest and 17 minutes in the game — had anything to do with what unfolded.

"I don't think there's any bad optics here," the president said.

"If you look at the history of this kind of injury, players sometimes feel pain and sometimes they don't feel pain."

"(Sunday) actually, Kyle felt OK, actually. The swelling had gone down. He felt OK, we were very optimistic. And then it swelled up again."

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NHL IN BRIEF

Forsberg named No. 1 star

Nashville Predators left-winger Filip Forsberg, Chicago Blackhawks centre Jonathan Toews and Calgary Flames left-winger Johnny Gaudreau are the NHL's three stars of the week.

Forsberg led all skaters with eight goals and 10 points, including back-to-back hat tricks, as the Predators gained seven of a possible eight points in the standings. Toews (four goals, five assists) recorded multi-point efforts in three Blackhawks wins and Gaudreau recorded eight points (two goals, six assists) in four road victories. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sens trade for grizzled vet

The Ottawa Senators are gearing up for a playoff push, acquiring veteran forward Alexandre Burrows from the Vancouver Canucks in exchange for prospect Jonathan Dahlen on Monday.

Burrows, 35, played 822 regular-season games with the Canucks, posting 193 goals, 191 assists and 1,066 penalty minutes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Habs down Devils in OT

Alex Galchenyuk scored on a power play at 2:54 of overtime and the Montreal Canadiens rallied from a two-goal third-period deficit to beat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 on Monday night.

Max Pacioretty scored twice in the final 11:23 of regulation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RUGBY

Funds a factor ahead of Canada's world 7s series

After a disappointing 13th-place finish in Sydney and news that Own The Podium is cancelling funding to the program, the Canadian men's rugby sevens team looks to reverse its fortunes this week in Las Vegas.

The hope is to build some momentum — or at the very least avoid injury — with the Vancouver stop on the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series looming March 11-12.

Canada coach Damian Mc-

Grath, who took over the team this season, says his players know that poor on-field results over the last two years cost them the funding.

"That's certainly a motivating factor for them. They want to show that A) they're better than probably the results reflect and B) that they deserve to be funded alongside other sports."

The Canadian men finished 13th on the world circuit last season, ninth in 2014-15 and

sixth in 2013-14. They currently stand 12th after four events on the 2016-17 World Series.

Success won't be easy in Las Vegas with the poor showing in Sydney resulting in a tough draw. Canada's opening match Friday is against top-ranked South Africa, which has won three stops this season including the last two in Wellington and Sydney. The Canadian men will likely have to excel in their remaining pool games against No. 7 Wales and No. 10

France to advance to the elite Cup quarter-finals.

Making the Cup quarters means a top-eight finish. Failure to do so means finishing anywhere from ninth to 16th.

The margins can be razor-slim. Canada went 4-2-0 in Wellington and finished fourth. It was 3-2-1 in Sydney and placed 13th, with a tie against Argentina dropping the Canadians into consolation play.

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Jamie Vardy of Leicester City celebrates after scoring his second and his side's third goal. MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Post-Ranieri Foxes roar

PREMIER LEAGUE

Limp Liverpool feel wrath of rejuvenated Leicester team

Leicester began life without manager Claudio Ranieri by easing its English Premier League relegation fears after a stirring 3-1 home victory over Liverpool on Monday. In its first game since Ranieri was sacked last Thursday by the club's Thai owners, Jamie Vardy scored twice for last season's struggling champion.

Danny Drinkwater also netted with a superb long-range strike. It helped propel Leicester out of the relegation places and up to 15th, two points above the drop zone with 12 games remaining.

Vardy scored 24 league goals last season but the England international's strikes in either half were just his sixth and seventh of this campaign.

"We've come in for a lot of un-

fair stick with things that have been in the press, but you've seen that the lads wanted to react," Vardy said. "We needed to show that we've got that fight."

Liverpool, which was out of sorts despite a warm-weather training break in Spain, could not match Leicester's energy, intensity and commitment. It remains in fifth place.

Ranieri was dismissed nine months after masterminding one of the biggest sporting shocks of all time by leading the 5,000-1 outsider to league glory. But Leicester has failed to replicate that form. Before facing Liverpool, it had won just five league games. Five consecutive league defeats sent it spiralling down the standings.

There was a strong show of support for the former manager at the game, with fans donning Ranieri masks and holding placards inside and outside King Power stadium. One banner held aloft said "Thank you Claudio for making our dreams come true."

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- 4 - 6 Mahi-Mahi or Halibut fillets
 - 1 tsp ground cumin
 - 1/2 tsp ground chili powder
 - 1/2 tsp ground oregano
 - 1/2 tsp garlic powder
 - 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1 small sweet potato, diced into 1/2 inch cubes
 - 2 tsp maple syrup
 - salt
 - 1 tsp butter
- Fixings:**
- corn or whole wheat tortillas
 - cole slaw
 - 1 container of fresh salsa
 - chopped fresh cilantro
 - sour cream
 - guacamole

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425F and grease a large baking sheet. Combine the cumin, chili powder, oregano, garlic powder, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl and mix with a fork to combine. Sprinkle over fish and rub spice mix evenly across the fillets.
2. Place on prepared sheet and bake in the oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until fish flakes with a fork.
3. Place mahi-mahi on a platter and pull fillets apart with a fork. Meanwhile, toss the sweet potato with the maple syrup and sprinkle with salt.
4. In a skillet over medium-low heat, add the butter and then sauté the sweet potato for about 10 minutes, or until potato is tender.
5. Remove the sweet potato from the skillet, place it in a bowl, and set aside. Serve fish and sweet potato alongside other fixings.

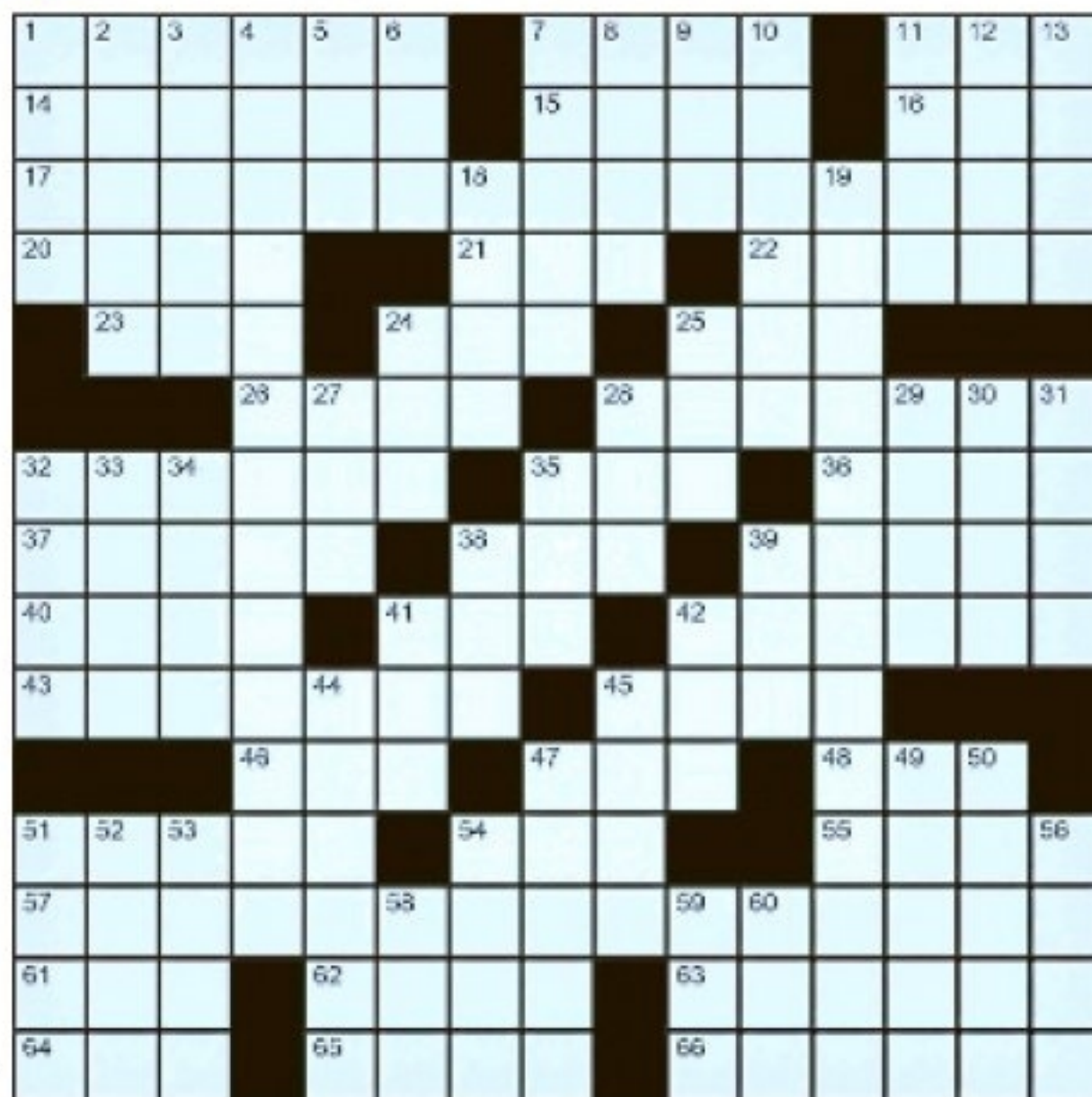
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7. Parrot
11. Fergie's band-mate, __de.ap
14. Garlic sauces
15. Tart
16. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
17. Dairy or wheat, to some eaters: 2 wds.
20. Desire Under the __ (Eugene O'Neill play)
21. Clod
22. Lollobrigida and Gershon
23. Summer hrs. in Toronto
24. Jimmy
25. Photo
26. Hat part
28. Fireplace features
32. Invite on a date: 2 wds.
35. Canadian comedian Mr. James
36. Miss
37. Gregorian __
38. Capture
39. __ donna
40. Singer Ms. Kelly
41. Keep the grass short
42. Keys-on-a-loop character in a Western
43. My world of me!
45. Isinglass
46. Slot machine feature
47. Showbiz job in a co.
51. __ Bay, Nova Scotia
54. __ clear
55. Splinter



57. Bass, as per singing: 3 wds.
61. US tooth doc's org.
62. Sporting slings-backs or sandals
63. Decline, as an offer: 2 wds.
64. TV actress Susan

65. Pilot's steerer
 66. Synchronized on the dance floor: 2 wds.
- DOWN**
1. Secure
 2. "__, __ friend!" (Greetings my long-time pal!)
 3. Boards

4. Historic French Canadian area of Winnipeg: 3 wds.
5. "I __ for Verdun"
6. Opposite of WNW
7. Composition
8. Salon creation
9. "Gilligan's Island" shelter
10. Beginning

11. Comparable
12. Ms. Wilson of "La Femme Nikita"
13. __ into (Criticizes/attacks)
18. Benchmark
19. Canada's highest military honour: 2 wds.
24. "The Money __" (1986) starring Tom

- Hanks and Shelley Long
25. Frying need
27. Groove
28. Mafia
29. "__, __ and the Detectives" (1964)
30. 'L' of household cleaning brand CLR
31. Hollywood Walk of Fame symbol
32. Pretends
33. Velcro 'venue'
34. Mr. Malden
35. Sore
38. 'Name' in Montreal
39. Ocean, e.g.
41. Particular parent
42. Zippy dance
44. Fancy attire
45. Grinding factory
47. Open space in a wooded area
49. Single-named singer
50. Timely way to deliver lines: 2 wds.
51. Delighted
52. Mineral deposit
53. "Fly __ Home" (1996)
54. "Star Trek" episode, '__, Time'
56. Johnny of movies
58. Howe'er
59. Prefix to 'centre'
60. Delivery vehicle

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a lovely day because the Moon and Venus both are in Aries. Lucky you! You feel friendly toward everyone, which is why it will be easy to get along with others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will welcome every chance to enjoy solitude in beautiful surroundings today. You have an above-average need for privacy and some peace and quiet.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a lovely day to schmooze with friends and members of groups because you feel very warm toward others. Enjoy hanging out with people who are creative and artistic.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You look good in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs today. In fact, you look so good that some of you will strike up a flirtation with someone in a position of power.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Grab every opportunity to travel for pleasure today or do something different. Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened, visit museums, art galleries, beautiful buildings and parks.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others today, which is why it's a good day if you need to borrow something.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Although you have to cooperate with others today, they will be receptive and cooperative with you. You will achieve a nice balance of give-and-take with close friends and partners.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Co-workers will be supportive today. In fact, you might get praise or even a raise. Who knows? (Fingers crossed.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a romantic day for you. Enjoy social outings, sports events, the arts and playful activities with children. Accept all invitations to party.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might be enthused about redecorating your home today. Likewise, you will enjoy buying something beautiful for where you live. Family relations will be friendly.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a strong day for those who write, teach, act, sell or market, because your words are like gold today. All your communications with others will benefit you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Look for ways to boost your income today, because they exist. If shopping, you will buy something beautiful for yourself or a loved one.

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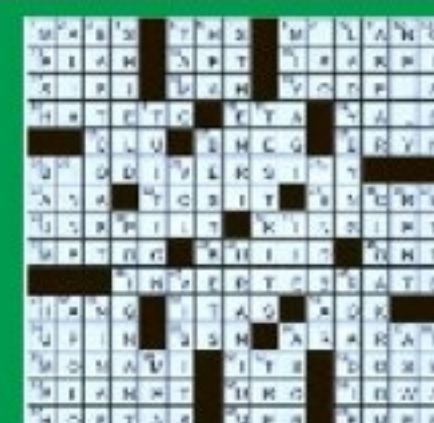
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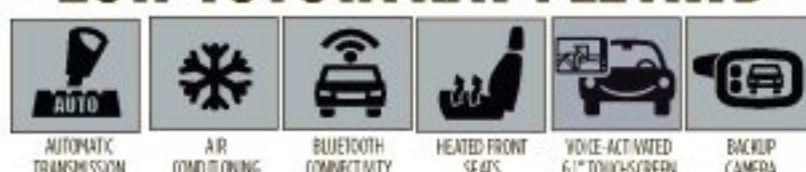
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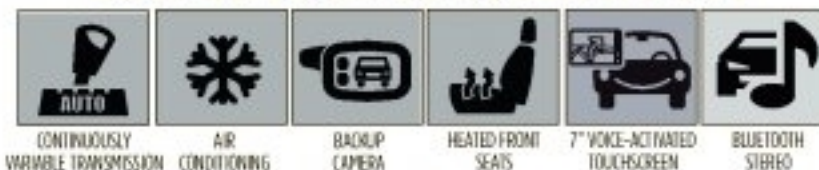
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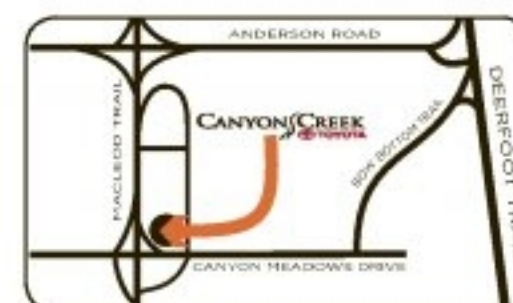
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